**Procurement of Helicopters by Pawan Hans**

2555. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pawan Hans has decided to hire helicopters from other countries for offshore exploration and tourism;

(b) if so, the number of helicopters to be acquired and the countries from whom it will be acquired;

(c) the number of helicopters the company has got at present; and

(d) the places of tourism interest where helicopters services are likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) has 30 helicopters in its fleet.

(d) At present, PHHL has been operation regular helicopter services for Mata Vaishno Devi. In addition, the helicopters deployed by PHHL in Lakshadweep, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Meghalaya are also being utilised for promotion of travel and tourism.

PHHL has plans for providing helicopter service to various tourist places such as Kedarnath-Badrinath, Pantnagar-Nainital *etc.*

**Expenditure on advertisements by Indian Airlines**

2556. SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount spent on giving advertisements in the newspapers and periodicals language-wise by the Indian Airlines during 1999-2000 particularly between 18th April to 31st December, 2000; and

(b) the names of Urdu newspapers and periodicals to whom advertisements of the Indian Airlines were given during the said period (separately)?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The details of expenditure incurred by Indian Airlines in the newspapers and

periodicals (language-wise) during the year 1999-2000 and from 1.4.2000 to 31.12.2000 were as under:—

*(Rs. in lacs)*

| Language | 1999-2000 | 1.4.2000 to 31.12.2000 |
|---|---|---|
| English | 440.80 | 324.37 |
| Hindi | 35.21 | 32.37 |
| Urdu | 8.27 | 6.03 |
| Kannada | 2.84 | 0.20 |
| Malyalam | 14.50 | 0.20 |
| Tamil | 0.21 | 0.95 |
| Gujarati | 1.74 | 1.43 |
| Marathi | 2.16 | 0.46 |
| Sindhi | 0.10 | 0.15 |
| Bangla | 0.55 | 1.04 |
| Punjabi | 1.99 | 1.75 |
| Telugu | — | 0.12 |
| Assamese | 0.37 | — |
| TOTAL: | 508.74 | 369.07 |

(b) Names of Urdu Newspapers/Periodicals to whom advertisements of the Indian Airlines were given are as under:—

| 1999-2000 | 01.04.2000 to 31.12.2000 |
|---|---|
| Akhbar-e-nau | Akhbar-e-nau |
| Khabbardar Jadeed | Khabbardar Jadeed |
| Lamha-e-Fikriyah | Lamha-e-Fikriyah |
| Mustaqbil | Mustaqbil |
| Saze-e-Deccan | Saze-e-Deccan |
| Siyasi Minar | Siyasi Minar |
| Akhbar-e-Mashriq | Akhbar-e-Mashriq |
| Jadeed Markaz | Jadeed Markaz |
| Karwan | Karwan |

| 1999-2000 | 01.04.2000 to 31.12.2000 |
|---|---|
| Mashriqi Jaraim | Mashriqi Jaraim |
| Secular Qayadat | Secular Qayadat |
| Hasan Ara Trust | — |
| Sahafat Urdu Daily | — |
| Jahanavi | — |
| Such Bilkul Sach | — |

**Issue of commercial licences**

2557. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of flying institutes in the country for imparting flying training to the trainee pilots;

(b) the criteria laid down for selection of a trainee pilot and how much admission and flying fee per hour is charged;

(c) the details of the commercial licences awarded during the last three years, year-wise and zone-wise;

(d) whether licences were not awarded even after completing the flying hours; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) There are 44 flying training institutes in the country for imparting flying training to trainee pilots.

(b) The Aircraft Rules, 1937, as amended in 1993, prescribe that an applicant for Commercial Pilot Licence should have passed class 10+2 or an equivalent examination with physics and mathematics from a recognised board/university. This requirement regarding educational qualifications came into effect from 01.01.1994. However, for selection of the trainee pilots, no separate educational qualifications have been prescribed.

At present, the admission fee is Rs. 100/- (not refundable). The private flying training institutes are charging flying fee ranging between Rs. 3,000/- to Rs. 3,500/- per hour whereas the subsidised flying clubs are charging not more than Rs. 2,852/- per hour for subsidised flying and Rs. 3,060/- per hour